

SR1.79b contracts awarded for roads

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri signed three contracts Sunday for building 457 kilometers of roads in several parts of the Kingdom. The three contracts' value reached SR1.793 billion.

Mansouri has signed with a group of national companies a contract for the construction and paving of the Riyadh — Sudair — Qasim expressway at a total value of SR1.6 billion. The project, which has been divided into nine parts, provides for building a dual-carriage highway with three lanes in each direction. The two directions are to be separated with a median of 16 meters. The road also will comprise 23 flyovers at intersection points to various villages along the way. Provided with all necessary safety methods, the expressway is expected to serve fast-moving traffic among the three areas.

Another contract signed by the minister was a SR160.7 million accord for building a 28-kilometer expressway that will link the Kingdom to North Yemen. The road will start from Dhahran Al-Janoub to Saana in Yemen traveling through a series of mountains.

The third contract provides for building

two road connections at Hafrah and Mahel with a total length of 68 kilometers and a combined cost of SR25 million.

Meanwhile Al-Riyadh reported Monday that more than SR1.47 billion worth of road projects are under construction or completed. In Bisha, the Southern Region, it quoted Bisha Roads Department Director, Saad Fayez Al-Garni, as saying that the project include the SR500 million Bisha to Raniah road, and the SR200 million road to Uraya.

Garni said the communications minister recently signed a SR170 million contract for the first phase of the Bisha to Raniah road at a length of 164 kilometers.

The official added that the first phase of the proposed SR600 million Bisha to Khamis Mushait road will be awarded shortly. The first phase starts at Khamis Mushait and ends at Raghwa, he said. The total length of the whole road will be 269 kilometers.

Also under consideration is the Bisha to Riyadh road whose first phase will be let in a public tender shortly covering 100 kilometers, Garni said.

The total length of roads opened in the Bisha and surroundings has reached 2,000



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

kilometers, according to Garni. These include roads completed already linking Bisha to various areas. The Bisha to Hijaz road extends for 150 kilometers, the road to Admat Shamran 140 kilometers, the road to Taraj 145 kilometers and several other roads that provide connections for villages with the Taif to Abha road and the Turba to Habaniya road.

Meanwhile, eight teams for servicing the roads have been formed and the communications ministry has approved the establishment of an asphalt team at the cost of SR13 million.

Postal services increase volume by 14.6 percent

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The volume of internal and overseas postal service during the year 1401 H (which ended Oct. 27) reached 460 million mailed items, according to officials of the Posts Directorate Monday.

The figure represents 14.6 percent increase compared to the previous year's service mark of 401 million. Samir Hamid Banaja, posts director general, said. The increase was a natural result of the rise in various methods of the postal service Kingdom-wide. Post offices and centers total 563 in the main cities, while mobile postal services covered more than 3,000 villages across a distance of 68,000 kilometers, Banaja said.

Surface mail reached 288 towns and villages over a distance of 38,200 kilometers, the director general said. The number of post boxes serving subscribers reached 79,852, while mail boxes in the streets increased to 733, he added.

The directorate has set up three institutes in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam to train national personnel. So far, 641 have graduated from these institutes, at the same time another 679 personnel received special courses. Those sent to Europe and America for further studies reached 60 people, Banaja said.

Saudi group secures pact for Tihama electrification

By Ahmad Kamal Khuro

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — The Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO) for the Southern Region recently has awarded the engineering consultancy contract for the Tihama electrification project to a newly-established Saudi Arabian group, Al-Bawardy Consulting Engineers, Arab News learned Monday.

Although tenders are expected to be called in January, the project is estimated to cost between SR2 billion and SR4 billion. The work involves the electrification of 30,000 square kilometers of the Tihama and will serve a population of about 350,000.

Al-Bawardy's consultancy work includes precontract services, tender evaluation, negotiation and supervision of the work. The project involves the setting up of a central generating station, electric transmission lines and a distribution network. The value of the consultancy contract is SR52 million and the work is to be completed in 42 months. The main part of the engineering staff of the Saudi Arabian company will be stationed in Qunfudah.

Al-Bawardy also has been awarded a contract by SCECO for the Central Region for master electrification plans for the Ad Dawadmi district, an area of 34,000 square kilometers and Al Washim area covering 13,000 square kilometers.

Recently the General Electricity Corporation awarded electricity projects worth SR540 million. The GEC finances and builds electricity projects and turns them over to regional electric firms.

The corporations board Sunday

approved the awarding of a SR120 million project to an international company to build the main transmission stations for the Juf Central Electricity project in addition to a high tension network of 87 kilometers in length.

The board also approved commissioning another SR122 million contract for the supply installation and operation of branch power plants that are under construction at present as part of the Qasim Central Electricity project.

Under the subsidy-fueled consumer demand, the Kingdom's electricity sector has exploded in recent years and now serves about half of the population. Generating capacity Kingdom-wide multiplied six times during the second plan to reach more than 6,000 megawatts (mw) by the end of 1980 when 857,000 customers were sold 17.4 billion kwh, up from 3.8 billion in 1975, according to government statistics.

During the third plan another 7,600 mw-generating capacity is to be installed to reach some 80 percent of the population. These figures exclude Saline Watern Conversion Corporation's capacity, which is to increase rapidly from several hundred megawatts last year to 3,950 mw with completion of all its plants, whose supplies will become increasingly critical to smooth electricity services over the next few years.

The main disadvantage of rapid growth, according to electricity officials in Riyadh, is the lack of time the utilities have had to plan and organize their growth coherently. However, the electric companies are undertaking a massive expansion of their facilities.

Seminar aids management executives

By Devadas Kini

TAIF, Dec. 21 — Management is essentially a rational approach to organizational matters, and when a person systemizes the workings of an organization it is part of a basic process of institution building, said John F. Archer, chairman of Archer, Smith and Associates (ASA). Archer is heading the advanced management seminar for senior decision-makers in Saudi Arabian industry, which is being held here and is entitled "Saudi Arabia—The Management Challenge."

Referring to the seminar, Archer told Arab News, "This is not a normal training program focusing narrowly on management and administrative techniques." Instead, it is concerned with an overall concept of professional management and decision-making as viewed from the vantage point of the general manager responsible for the total organizational performance and its results.

Archer said the program brings together three important elements — the experience of many senior executives, the major problems they face and professors who have a deep study of similar problems. The group exchanges views, develops a better understanding of the nature of the problems and works together to determine realistic and practical solutions, he added.

On Monday, Prof. Michael Y. Yoshino took up the case study of a conflict in a multinational joint venture, and helped the participants come up with a workable solution. Prof. S.L. Hayes led a discussion on capital budgeting, project financing and the impact of foreign exchange fluctuations on the attractiveness of certain investment opportunities. Prof. F. J. Aguilar focused attention on one of the most important aspects of a director general's job—to be the architect of his company's structure, system and culture.

Archer paid particular tribute to the far-sightedness of Sheikh Abdullah H. Tariki, the seminar's co-sponsor, who identified the need for improved Saudi management at the top level many years ago.

The four-day seminar began on Saturday and includes representatives from Arabian-American Oil Co., the Juffali group, Riyadh Bank, Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Olayan Financing Co., SABIC and the Al-Zamil group.

Abdul Sattar to visit

DACCA, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar will pay a four-day state visit to the Kingdom starting Saturday during which he will hold two rounds of talks with King Khalid on bilateral cooperation and international matters.

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Bombay mayor offers assistance

By Habib Rahman

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — The Bombay Municipality has offered to help establish a dairy farm and pharmaceutical concerns here. Bombay Mayor Dr. Ali Muhammad Memon, who made this offer, told Arab News Monday that the municipality has a team of engineers and other experts needed for the development projects here. The mayor, who concluded his 10-day visit to Saudi Arabia, was a guest of the government.

Memon was taken round development projects here as well as in Makkah. "I am very much impressed by the pace of the progress, he said. He also met with Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi and extended an invitation to him to visit Bombay.

The municipality, the second biggest in India, with 140 members, elects the mayor for a year's term. It runs 19 hospitals, 34 maternity homes and 164 dispensaries throughout the city. It also has 11 committees

to look after various works.

Ironically, the city also houses the world's biggest slum. Of the 8.5 million population of the city, nearly 4 million live in near slum conditions. Of late, the municipality, along with the state government started paying much attention to the improvement of slums and formed a committee to suggest ways to eradicate slums.

In fact, the eradication of slums is the government duty." According to the findings, the government should construct 55,000 houses annually for 12 years for slum-dwellers and yearly 60,000 tenements for those living in dilapidated buildings. What is worrying the government is the cost of the project which is estimated to be 66 billion rupees (SR24 billion). The report said that the state government should put in one third, the central government one third, and the rest should be taken as a loan from the World Bank. "These are all at the discussion stage and we are studying lines."



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Gulf security urged by Kuwait

KUWAIT, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Monday urged Arab states of the Gulf to join the security agreement that was signed by Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in Manama Sunday.

He expressed the hope that a Gulf security plan would be discussed during the meeting of the interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which is scheduled to be held in Riyadh next February.

In a statement to Radio Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf stressed the need for a security plan among the GCC states, so they can encounter any subversive plot against the states and peoples of the region. He reiterated Kuwait's denunciation of the recent subversive attempt in Bahrain and said his country pledges full support to Bahrain in crushing any terrorist plot in that country.



Prince Naif

In the same context, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif said in Manama Sunday that the Kingdom's security forces would support their counterparts in the Gulf states, and will be ready to help any Gulf state at the shortest possible time, if such a request was made. He said the Kingdom would look forward to cooperating with the security machinery of any Arab state whose security is endangered by an alien power.

In an interview with a Bahraini newspaper *Akhar Al-Khaleej*, Prince Naif held Iran responsible for the plot and said that Iran cannot absolve itself of this crime. He called upon the Iranian regime to renounce its present policy and to prove its good and sincere intentions toward the Gulf states. With confidence and good intentions prevailing, it would not be difficult to create the factors of stability in this part of the world, he said.

To be held at Ummul Qura University

Training course aimed at school directors

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The Education Ministry decided to conduct two training courses for directors of primary, intermediate and secondary schools at Ummul Qura University's College of Education, officials reported Monday.

The ministry specified the maximum number of participants as 55 for each course and fixed Feb. 9 as the last date for accepting applications of nomination from all education directorates in the Kingdom. The appli-

cations should be forwarded to the Guidance and Educational Training Directorate General of the ministry.

The conditions set by the ministry for the primary directors course includes possession of teachers' training certificates or one from the Supplementary Studies Center, with two years after graduation and two years service as director of a school or three years as assistant director. However, for the intermediate and secondary school directors course, appli-

cants should hold university qualifications and not be among the persons nominated or accepted for scholarships abroad. They should also have had one year's experience at least as school directors.

In a separate development, Technical Education and Vocational Training Institute Governor Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar opened Saturday a meeting with directors of vocational institutes and secondary schools. Discussions dealt with administrative and educational conditions of technical schools and institutes in the Kingdom, and means and ways of improving their standards.

The five-day meeting in Riyadh will debate organizing, producing and distributing educational and regulatory methods. The directors also will review the curricula applied in the schools and institutes with the aim of unifying and evaluating the examination procedures. The talks also cover training of Saudi Arabian instructors for these schools.

SR48m pact signed

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Mahmoud Taiba, General Electricity Corporation governor, signed Monday a contract for illuminating the streets Dhahran Al-Janoub and surrounding villages. The SR48 million contract was awarded to a national company.

It will provide for building a 7,500-kilowatt power generating plant which has been designed to accommodate any future expansion until 17,500 kilowatts. The contract also includes 57-kilometer long medium tension network and 43 kilometers of low tension network. The project, expected to be completed within 20 months, will serve about 2,500 subscribers.

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Solidarity

Polish issue." But he did not specifically accuse the Soviets of involvement. In fact, he didn't mention the Soviet Union once in his 21-minute statement.

Haig, however, said on the television show there was "no question about Soviet cooperation and support for activities going on in Poland today" and that the Soviets, along with the Polish government, should be held responsible for any "excesses." Haig said there are actions the United States may take, although he didn't specify. But he said they could include some "security-related assets."

Asked if that meant some military response, Haig declined to elaborate, saying it was important not to reveal "what we will or what we will not do as events unfold."

However, Haig and other U.S. officials have said previously that the United States and its allies would not intervene militarily in Poland, even in response to Soviet military intervention.

Communist Party officials in Moscow said Kremlin leaders knew in advance about Gen. Jaruzelski's crackdown on Solidarity and feared a bloody civil war that would have forced Soviet troops to enter Poland. But Soviet leaders are now satisfied the Polish Army has gained the upper hand and Soviet intervention won't be needed, a party and government source said.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Monday spoke of "repressive measures" by the military government in Warsaw and said the West should consider withholding any more food aid to Poland or stipulating it only be channeled through the relief agencies. He also suggested the West should consider suspending all economic aid to Poland, saying it would have a "very profound effect."

In Bonn, sources close to West German intelligence services said that there were no unusual Soviet military movements on the Polish border but Soviet military communications "remained very busy." The sources said that Moscow, which had Soviet advisers in most Polish army units, was closely following developments. In the event of the situation worsening, the Kremlin could always call on two armored divisions stationed in Poland at Swietosow and Borne without bringing in more troops.

Turkey

this year and 6.3 percent last year.

The report noted that Japan's "successful containment of inflationary pressures in the wake of the second oil shock" had brought the rise in consumer prices down to less than 4 percent in last September, the lowest in the OECD area. After a 4.75 percent inflation rate in calendar 1981, prices should decelerate further to a rate of 4.5 percent, it said.

The report linked this with a projected modest increase in regular wages (plus 6 percent) next year. It foresaw a 7.5 percent rise in household disposable income and a 3.75 percent growth in real private consumption next year. (Related story on Page 11)

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Funds given for youth club

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The General Presidency for Youth Welfare has donated \$14,749 for the establishment of a club for Saudi Arabian students in Kansas City in Missouri, it was announced here Monday.

The donation has been made under the directive of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to extend youth welfare services to nationals living abroad. The general presidency's five-year plan provides for giving

assistance to the Saudi Arabian youths abroad.

In another development, Othman Al-Saad, deputy general president, held a meeting here Monday to discuss the presidency's participation in the Saudi-Bahraini Brotherhood Week to be held in Bahrain during the spring holidays this year.

Saad stressed the significance of such works that help in the exchange of views and information among the youth and consolidate the bonds of friendship among them. He added that a similar week, which was held in Riyadh last year, and the forthcoming week in Bahrain are the fruits of the meeting held between Prince Faisal bin Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare, and Sheikh Issa Al-Khalifa, chairman of the Bahraini Higher Council for Youth, last year.

The progress of such weeks include the organization of work camps, general service, exchange of visits among the youths and encouragement to clubs and sports federations to exchange meetings for further coordination.

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Arab ministers delay conference on Golan

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (AP) — The foreign ministers of the 21-member Arab League have agreed to postpone for two weeks an emergency session they were to hold in Tunis, Tunisia, on Monday to debate Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights, Arab diplomatic sources here said Monday.

They said the meeting was postponed until after the Jan. 5 session of the United Nations Security Council, which is due to decide what action should be taken against Israel if it fails to rescind the Golan annexation.

The sources, who declined to be identified

Recruited as security guards

250 Pakistanis leave Libya

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 21 (R) — Some 250 Pakistanis recruited earlier this year to work as security guards in Libya returned home Sunday and were immediately taken to a camp guarded by armed police.

The group was part of a total of 3,000 Pakistanis whose stay in Libya has given rise to rumors about their duties, training and treatment. Relatives of some recruits told reporters they believed the Pakistanis were being trained in guerrilla warfare as well as being sent to fight in Lebanon and with Libyan troops in Chad.

Libya and Pakistan have denied the charges and blamed a private recruiting agency for the men's dissatisfaction with their jobs.

Government officials said the first group of Pakistanis were taken from Karachi Airport to the camp on the outskirts of the city so that arrangements could be made to return them to their homes in mainly isolated parts of the country.

The rest of the 3,000 Pakistanis are due to return from Libya shortly and also will go to the camp. They were recruited last January by a Liberian-based recruiting firm of Pakistani nationals, Al-Murtaza Associates, through three firms in Pakistan. The Pakistan

Afghans display Soviet prisoners

BEIJING, Dec. 21 (R) — Afghan freedom fighters have shown captured Soviet soldiers, vehicles and weapons to foreign journalists, the official Chinese News Agency (CNNA) said Monday. The agency said the press conference was held last Saturday at Allah Jiwari, described as a fighter base in Zabul province in southeastern Afghanistan.

China, which shares a short border with Afghanistan, is bitterly opposed to the Soviet military intervention in support of the government of President Babrak Karmal.

by name, said the exact date of the foreign ministers conference would be announced in light of the Security Council stand and the U.S. position on Israel's refusal to abide by the council's resolution last week, which declared the annexation null and void.

The sources said Syria and other Arab League member states were eager to see whether the U.S.-Israeli strain over the Golan annexation would rest at the suspension of their strategic cooperation pact or would involve further deterioration of relations.

government has since canceled the three firms' licenses.

Authoritative sources said the agreement between Libya and Al-Murtaza Associates stated that the Pakistanis were needed to protect vital installations against theft, intrusion, subversion and sabotage.

Several months later families began to write to Pakistani newspapers complaining that they could not communicate with the recruits in Libya. Relatives said letters smuggled out of Libya reported the recruits were held in isolated camps in poor conditions and were undergoing military training, not working as security guards.

Last month a Pakistani delegation visited Libya to investigate the reports and after negotiations it was decided that any recruits wanting to return home should be repatriated at Libya's expense.

The government-controlled news agency Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported at the time that during the visit Libyan Civil Service Minister Abdallah Mabrouk said it was inconceivable that Libya would try to train unwilling people as guerrillas. Mabrouk said reports of mistreatment of the recruits came from "interested imperialist quarters" trying to cause misunderstanding between Pakistan and Libya.

The Soviet prisoners were identified as a tank mechanic, a sergeant and a private. The mechanic, who was said to have been captured in August in Baghlan province, was quoted as saying he had seen at least 20 Soviet soldiers killed in one clash.

The agency said three Soviet students who had crossed the border from Tadzhikistan to join the fighters were also at the press conference. The fighters displayed captured Soviet armed personnel carriers, communications vehicles and weapons, it said.

Mrs. Abu Ain protests to U.S. against extradition

AMMAN, Dec. 21 (AP) — The wife of Ziad Abu Ain protested to the U.S. government Monday against the extradition of her husband to Israel to stand trial on a charge of bombing a marketplace in Tiberias in 1979.

Hiam Abu Ain said she delivered her letter of protest to U.S. ambassador in Amman, Jordan, Richard Viets, describing the American extradition order as "illegal, arbitrary and contradicting all international traditions."

She told reporters after emerging from the American Embassy here that she asked in her letter that the United States government should "ensure my husband will be tried by a civil and just court."

She also said she asked that the U.S. government should make certain the 22-year-old former student in the United States would not be tortured by ensuring that physicians check him up in prison regularly.

Mrs. Abu Ain said she requested from the American government to ensure that property of her husband's family in the occupied West Bank would not be expropriated or its house blown up as a result of the charge against her husband.

Abu Ain was held in Chicago prison since August 1979 before he was handed over to Israel two weeks ago to stand trial for alleged complicity in the Tiberias bombing that killed two Israelis and wounded 36.

The Arab League and most Arab governments protested against the U.S. decision to extradite Abu Ain whose trial has been scheduled for early next month in Tel Aviv.

His wife said she held the U.S. government responsible for his personal safety and protested in the letter "the inhuman way with which he was taken hand and feet cuffed and carried on a stretcher out of jail in Chicago."

She also said she had asked that her husband's sister in Chicago be allowed to collect all his belongings, including papers, letters and diary from the Chicago federal prison and make sure these belongings are not turned over to Israeli authorities.

Kuwait premier visits Tunisia

TUNIS, Dec. 21 (R) — Kuwait Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah arrived here from Tripoli Monday. Sheikh Saad, who was on the second leg of a North African tour, was expected to visit Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco later.



FLY FROM FIGHTING: Herding a mass of animals, refugees from the Iranian town of Bostan and its surrounding villages flood across Iraqi-built pontoon bridge spanning the Bostan River, as they flee from the intensified fighting between Iranian and Iraqi forces in the area. Iranian forces recently recaptured Bostan, about five kms from the Iraqi border, and seized the bridge.

Since 1979

Iran executions put at 3,350

GENEVA, Dec. 21 (AP) — The International Commission of Jurists, one of the first watchdog bodies to denounce human rights violations in Iran under the late Shah, said on Monday that the three years since his downfall have been marked by ever greater repression and "a sickening growth in the number of executions."

An LIC survey cited official statistics showing that a total of 3,350 people have been executed since 1979, including more than 2,000 since the dismissal of President Bani-Sadr last June. "These figures may be substantial underestimates," the survey said. Practices of the Iranian revolutionary courts

are "in violation of all international norms, including the (United Nations) International Covenant and Civil and Political Rights" to which Iran is a party.

The survey pointed to widespread reports of massacres, ill-treatment and torture and said that "numerous official (Iranian) statements point to the conclusion that the present repression has now discarded all the safeguards of the rule of law. In the words of President Bani-Sadr: "There is no more laws," it said.

The Geneva-based commission groups prominent jurists from about 40 Western and Third World countries.

Eritrea group says Ethiopia planning new offensive

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (R) — A spokesman for an Eritrean resistance group fighting the Ethiopian government charged Monday that Ethiopia was launching a new offensive against the fighters.

Taha Nur, head of the foreign relations office of the Eritrean Liberation Front-People's Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF), told a Cairo press conference the Ethiopian army had formed two new divisions to help in the offensive.

He claimed that South Yemen had recently sent an armored brigade to Ethiopia which was now stationed around the key Eritrean town of Agordat. A Cuban infantry battalion had also arrived at the Red Sea port of Assab, he added, but gave no dates. He said 60 Soviet advisers were helping at the Ethiopian military command for operations against the fighters which was now based in the northeast city of Asmara.

The ELF-PLF is the smallest of three main groups which have been fighting the Ethiopian government for years to win independence for the Red Sea province of Eritrea.

Nur said the planned offensive by Ethiopian forces would be the sixth since 1974 and like the others would be "doomed to failure." He charged that the Ethiopian government had allowed the Soviet Union to establish a medium-range missile launching pad on Mount Moussa Ali, which overlooks the Straits of Bab El-Mandeb between South Yemen and Djibouti.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT. (AFP) — Israeli aircraft flew over Beirut three times early Monday drawing intense anti-aircraft fire. On the third overflight at 11 a.m. local time (0900 GMT), three fighters were clearly visible at an estimated altitude of 3,000 meters.

BEIRUT. (R) — A Palestinian commando group has claimed responsibility for an explosion on board a Greek registered vessel as it approached the Israeli port of Haifa Sunday. A statement by the Arab May 15 Organization for the Liberation of Palestine said the explosion "killed or wounded a large number of Zionist immigrants and tourists."

TEL AVIV. (AFP) — Violence erupted for the second consecutive night Sunday night at the Hebrew University here, between rightist Jewish and Arab students, Israeli radio reported. Ultimately 200 students took part in the fray after a rightist group attacked a gathering of Arab students, according to the radio report. Five students were slightly injured.

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Interior minister says

2,500 extremists held after Sadat's murder

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (AP) — Egyptian Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail has disclosed that 2,500 religious fundamentalists were arrested following President Anwar Sadat's assassination Oct. 6, according to the Middle East News Agency. Previous official reports had put the number at only 700.

Nabawi made the disclosure Sunday during a parliamentary debate and said the arrests have been carried out under an emergency law declared after four fundamentalists, led by Army Lt. Khaled el-Islambouly, killed Sadat while reviewing a military parade.

The assassins are among 24 persons belonging to various fundamentalist groups currently under trial by a military tribunal for involvement in Sadat's death.

The minister was also quoted as saying that the number of detainees has been reduced after President Hosni Mubarak's recent decision to release those whose innocence has been proven.

He gave no figures but he was referring to 48 political personalities ordered freed by Mubarak. They were among 1,536 persons belonging to extremist religious groups and political opponents ordered detained by Sadat only one month before his assassination.

The released included internationally known journalists and author Muhammad Hassanein Heykal and a number of former cabinet ministers.

The number of arrested and detained now stands, according to official figures, at 3,988.

Reagan still facing danger of 'hit teams,' Haig asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (R) — President Reagan and other top U.S. officials are still in danger from reported Libyan assassination teams, Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said.

Despite recent skepticism about the "hit squads" alleged to have been sent to the United States by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, Haig said the administration remained on the alert. "We continue to be very alert to the dangers of assassination attempts on high American officials because we know that those dangers continue," he said in a television interview Sunday.

Reagan has said he has proof that assassination teams entered the United States with plans to kill him or other administration officials and that Col. Qaddafi knew it.

Reagan, in response to Libya's alleged anti-American activities, urged all American citizens to leave that country for their own safety and has invalidated U.S. passports for travel to Libya.

In an interview with *People* magazine, Reagan said his wife Nancy suffers more anxiety when he leaves the White House than he does after the March assassination attempt on his life. "It's worse for her. I don't think she got well as quickly as I did," he told the magazine.

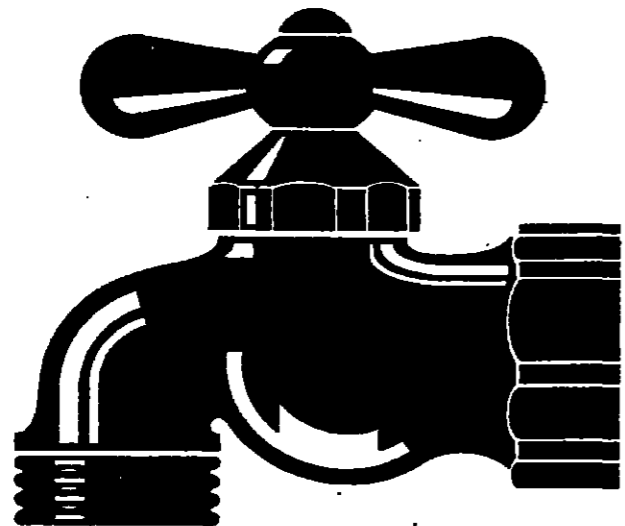
Mrs. Reagan told *People*, "I had thought with time that it would fade but it doesn't. When we went to New York (last month) I don't think I breathed until I got home."

The president said he was more conscious of appearing in public since the attempt on his life.

Polisario claims killing Moroccans

ALGIERS, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Several Moroccan soldiers were killed in two attacks by the Polisario Front last Friday on troops camped at Khneygat Afass in the Western Sahara, the Saharan nationalist group claimed Monday.

A communique issued here by the information ministry of Polisario's self-proclaimed Saharan state alleged that "the Moroccans fled in disarray after several hours' heavy fighting" leaving their dead behind. The Saharan forces overran the Moroccan positions and captured a large amount of military equipment, the communique added. The Polisario Front has been fighting for the independence of Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony claimed by Morocco, for six years.



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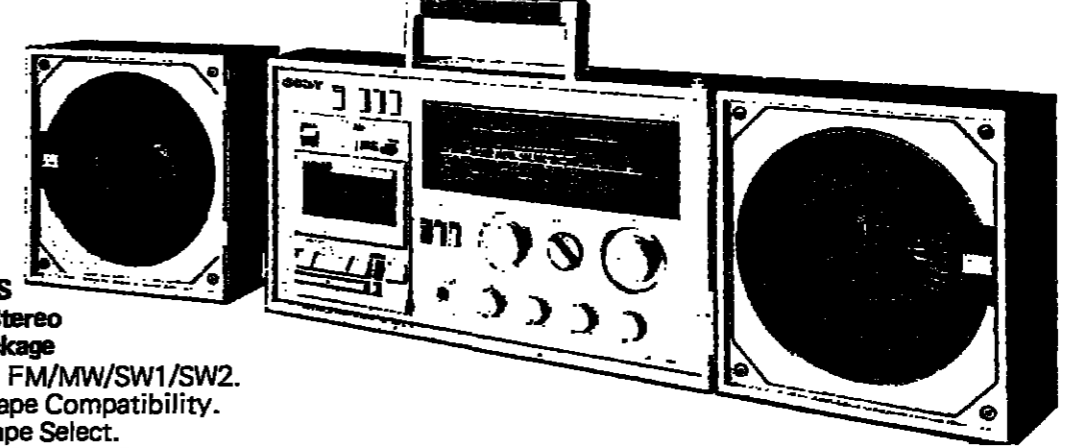


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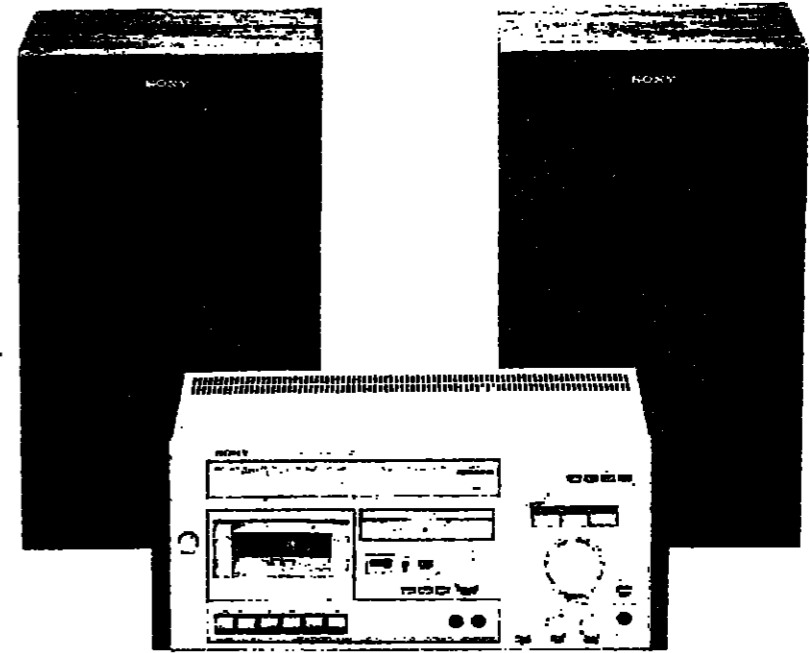
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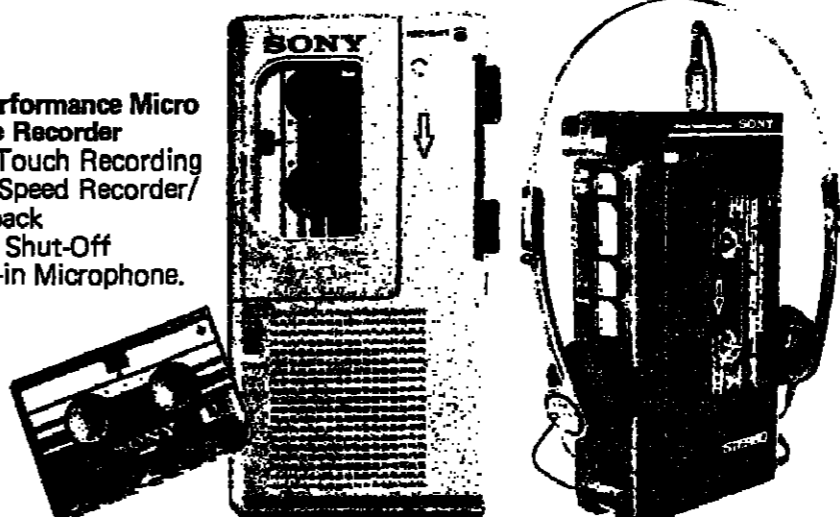
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Balloonists land after takeoff

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AP) — American balloonists Maxie Anderson and Don Ida took off in the helium-filled balloon Jules Verne early Monday in a second attempt to complete a round-the-world flight, but went down near their launch point at Jaipur in central India about two hours later, aides reported.

The two pilots are safe and were not in need of medical attention, said Vishwanath Gupta, president of the Ballooning Club of India. "I do not know the reason for the forced landing nor do I know the exact location. Even the pilots do not know where they are," said a spokesman for the balloonists team in India.

spokesman at Bedford Weather Services, in Bedford, Massachusetts, which was tracking the balloon electronically, confirmed that "both pilots are OK and everything is OK."

The cause of the problem was not immediately known, Beimer said, and "there's no way of telling" when the flight could resume. "We got a cable relayed through the State Department from the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi indicating that the balloon was down about two hours after it took off."

Beimer said the balloon, delayed by winds from its original takeoff Friday, left the ground at 0056 GMT, or 6:26 a.m. local time.

He said the message was confirmed by radio by Anderson's son, Chris, that the balloon came down about 16 miles from the

takeoff point at Jaipur in central India.

"We have no idea of why it came down," Beimer said. "We won't find out for a while. We won't be able to talk to the pilots for a day or so. Wherever it is, it's got to be more remote than Jaipur was."

In a three-hour procedure before takeoff, he said, the balloon was filled with 200,000 cubic feet of helium shipped to India from the United States last September.

With Anderson was Ida, 48. Beimer said they had hoped to complete the 17,000-mile trip in seven to 10 days, following a course taking them over Bangladesh, Burma, the southern border of China, toward Shanghai and up to Tokyo and across the ocean.

Anderson, 47, a mining executive and Ida, a nursery operator, started their voyage in Luxor, Egypt, on Feb. 12. Unable to gain enough altitude to cross the 26,000-foot-high Himalaya Mountains on the western edge of India, they landed Feb. 14 after 2,898 miles at the village of Jindh near New Delhi.

Anderson, with Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman, also Americans, made the first successful manned trans-Atlantic Ocean balloon flight in August 1978 in a helium-filled balloon called the *Double Eagle II*.

Low-paid Reagan aide to quit administration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — Michael Deaver, one of President Ronald Reagan's three leading White House aides, said Monday he will leave the administration at the end of 1982 because his \$60,662 annual salary was not enough to meet his family's needs. He said he would return to private enterprise, but gave no other details.

"Of all the people who could leave, losing Mike will leave the biggest hole," said Sen. Paul Laxalt, Republican from Nevada, and a close friend of Reagan, in an interview with the *Detroit News*.

Deaver has been termed the one aide who was most objective of Reagan's schedule and reputation. During the scandals involving National Security Adviser Richard Allen and Budget Director David Stockman, Deaver said both should be replaced because of the embarrassment they had caused the president.

Allen is on a leave of absence pending the results of an investigation into the discovery in a White House safe of \$1,000 that a Japanese magazine gave him as payment for an interview with Nancy Reagan, the president's wife.

MiG 'crashes' in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AP) — A spy plane supplied to the Indian Air Force by the Soviet Union crashed recently at an Indian air base, according to the popular fortnightly *India Today*.

In its latest issue, the magazine said in "In the Air" column that the electronic reconnaissance MiG-25 Foxbat, which was on a routine flight, suddenly swerved while on a landing approach and hit the ground.

Emerges after 140 days

American sets burial record

KILLEEN, Texas, Dec. 21 (AP) — "Country Bill" White, a country-western (folk songs) singer when he's not in a coffin, has claimed a world record for being buried 140 days underground in a plywood box.

White was buried July 31 in a box measuring 3 feet by 3 feet by 6 feet, set beneath the National Hall, a country-western nightclub. He emerged Saturday night.

Pronounced in good health by a nurse, White quipped: "Just let me live long enough to get a drink."

White says he has spent about two years underground during his 60 burials in 17 years. In June 1978, he set a record by living underground for 134 days, two hours and 53 minutes in the backyard of a radio station in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

He said he agreed to the latest burial after someone bet him he was "too old to do a world's record again."

White, 47, said that while underground, he spent most of his time talking to people

"all over the world" on telephones that were buried with him. Friends above ground lowered him food in containers through ventilation shafts.

White said he won his bet and also made an undisclosed amount of money on sales of T-shirts and photographs. But he added: "It's going to take an awful lot to get me to go back down there again."

White has said he started his subterranean stunts in 1964 after he saw "Gigger O'Dell," whose real name is Herbert O'Dell Smith, go underground in Texas.

"I accidentally saw him buried and he said I couldn't handle it," White said after setting the record in Massachusetts. "That was all I needed."

He was listed in the London edition of the *Guinness Book of Records* as holding the world record for being buried alive. The New York edition doesn't list stunts the editors consider dangerous. The Guinness headquarters has since announced it won't list dangerous stunts at all.

Hunter's film may show dinosaur

LOS ANGELES, California Dec. 21 (AP) — A dinosaur hunter who led an expedition to Africa in search of a living dinosaur has photographs that "possibly" show the creature, but the film hasn't been developed yet, a spokesman says.

"Who knows what they're going to show?" said John Sack, a spokesman for dinosaur hunter Herma Regusters. Sack said the photographs would be taken Monday to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where Regusters worked as a consulting engineer, to be developed.

Regusters and his wife Kia returned to California with the film Saturday. "They were taking a lot of photographs in the Congo and at one point they said they possibly got a photo of the creature but it was in very difficult conditions," said Sack, a friend of Regusters who has handled details of the expedition in the United States.

Regusters, 47, left for the Congo in September. He spent several weeks in its capital city of Brazzaville before taking his party about 500 miles farther into the jungle to the Lake Tele area, where he said most of the sightings of the creature called "mokele-mbembe" have been reported.

Regusters said before leaving what local residents had long reported sighting the beast, thought to be a possible survivor of a dinosaur species believed extinct for 60 million years. Sack said many members of the expedition had seen the creature and heard it making noise.

Sack cautioned that because the photographs were shot in "marginal" light, they may not clearly show the creature and that, in any case, they couldn't prove the existence of dinosaurs. "The only way to prove (it) would be to cut off its head and take it to a paleontologist," he said.

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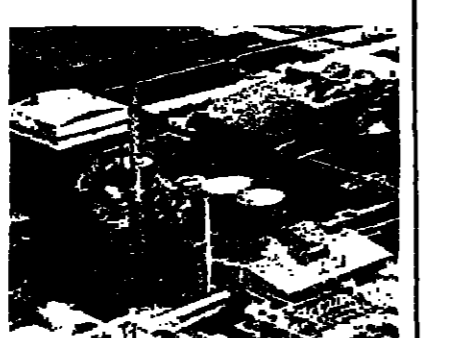
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ASEAN bid to seek support from China

PEKING, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Thailand's Deputy Foreign Minister Arun Bhanuphong arrived here Monday for a visit in which he is expected to seek Chinese support for an ASEAN proposal to resolve the Cambodian problem. In addition, Arun is scheduled to sign a Sino-Thai protocol accord on bilateral technical and scientific cooperation.

The ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) proposal calls for a loose coalition of three anti-Vietnamese Cambodian factions—the Khmer Rouge forces backing former chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and supporters of former Premier Son Sann.

Arun's visit to China follows a meeting of ASEAN foreign ministers, which endorsed the Cambodian coalition proposal. China provides military assistance to the Khmer

Rouge, who retain the Cambodian seat in the United Nations.

(Khmer Rouge radio, monitored in Bangkok, Monday renewed its criticism of the plan, saying such a coalition would be unable to defend "the legitimacy of Democratic Kampuchea" — the Khmer Rouge regime ousted from Phnom Penh in January 1979 following Vietnamese intervention.

(The radio, which broadcasts from southern China, also said the coalition would not improve "the fighting capacity against the Vietnamese expansionists.")

ASEAN — Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines — called for each of the three anti-Vietnamese factions to retain its own identity within the proposed loose coalition.

After coup attempt

Dominica clamps emergency

ROSEAU, Dominica, Dec. 21 (AP) — This small island nation in the eastern Caribbean has announced a state of emergency and imposed press censorship following an unsuccessful coup attempt in which three men were killed and 10 injured.

President Auferlus Marie declared the state of emergency in a broadcast over the government radio late Saturday night. Earlier in the day, armed and masked men staged simultaneous attacks on the island's police headquarters and central prison.

The state of emergency gives authorities wide powers of search and arrest and control over citizens' travel within and outside the country. Journalists were told all news stories would be subject to censorship.

A police spokesman told the Associated Press in San Juan, Puerto Rico, that authorities had the situation "under control". The spokesman said no arrests had been

made since Saturday, when three former members of the island's now-disbanded defense force were taken into custody.

Authorities said Saturday that Police Commissioner Oliver Phillip was among nine policemen injured in an early morning shootout at the police headquarters compound. One officer was killed, they said.

At the same time, another group tried to enter the prison where former Prime Minister Patrick John and three members of his Dominican Labor Party are being held on conspiracy charges in connection with a previous coup attempt, police said.

The government said Saturday it appeared the attacks were an attempt to follow through on a plot laid earlier this year by Michael Perdue, the leader of a group of mercenaries who planned to invade this Caribbean nation put John back in power.

Floods wreak havoc in France

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP) — Floods across France have forced evacuations, closed roads, killed thousands of livestock and destroyed millions of dollars of crops and agricultural equipment in eight days of heavy rains, officials said.

In Paris, the level of the Seine River was reported 2 meters (6 feet) above normal Sunday. The rising water forced the evacuation of families living in house boats along the Seine and closed Paris' cross city river bank expressways.

In Chalon-Sur-Saone 180 miles southeast of Paris, officials prepared to evacuate Sunday certain patients from a hospital along the banks of the Saone.

About 100 persons and 200 head of livestock have been evacuated from the Chalon region since Friday. Officials said Sunday if the river rose by about another foot, all pumping operations would be useless.

Around Bordeaux near the Atlantic coast, authorities said thousands of cattle, pigs, goats and chicken have drowned since the Garonne and the Lot Rivers began flooding last week.

Farmers in the Bordeaux region, badly hit by flood in 1930 and 1952, also reported destroyed fields of tomatoes, cereal, strawberries and tobacco.

2 top politicians warn Zimbabwean officials

SALISBURY, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Two top politicians have warned officials in government and the ruling party to work more directly with the rank-and-file, implicitly recognizing that some distance has grown between leaders and followers since Zimbabwe acceded to majority rule 19 months ago.

Deputy Prime Minister Simon Muzenda, who is also vice president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), charged Sunday that some party officials are corrupt and do not listen to the people.

"There has been a tendency among party officials to be above the people," Muzenda said at the opening of a new ZANU branch in central Zimbabwe. "Let me remind you that the party is the people — without the people there would be no party and we would not be gathered here."

The speaker of the house of assembly, Didymus Mutasa, made a similar criticism of leaders last week when he told government ministers, most of whom are ZANU members, to come down from their "ivory towers" and become directly involved with the people in development projects. Mutasa denounced

party and government officials who, he said, talked of the need to work and then expected other people to carry out that work.

Muzenda, who is acting head of government in the absence of Mozambique of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, also warned party members to guard against such officials in their midst. He said officials who showed a love of money, prestige and power were not really in solidarity with the people. He also warned ZANU members to be on the lookout for tribalism, nepotism and corruption.

Instead of such officials, Muzenda said, the people should select leaders who work to raise the standards of living of all through self-reliance projects. In conversations some ordinary people have complained recently that they have received short shrift from ZANU Party officials when they presented them with problems at work or protests about their living standards.

Following Friday's bombing of party headquarters in Salisbury, in which six persons were killed, one man recalled that the last time he had gone there with a complaint, he was abruptly told to "go tell it to Mugabe".

Uranium thieves held in Windhoek

WINDHOEK, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Police here say they have arrested four men for stealing four kilos of uranium ore originating from Namibia's Rossing mine. Police chief Alan Collins, who did not reveal the men's identities, said they had probably smuggled the uranium oxide, or "yellow cake", out of the mine in very small quantities.

Commissioner Collins added that the radioactivity of the stolen ore was very slight and that was why it had escaped detection by Geiger-counter checks on mine staff. He also said that there was not, to his knowledge, any market for such small quantities of uranium ore and that he could not understand the thieves' motive.

Rossing mine, which is the largest uranium mine in this part of the world, is situated between here and the seaside town of Swakopmund.

Reddy to visit Sri Lanka

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy will pay a five-day state visit to Sri Lanka from Feb. 3, it was announced here Monday. President Reddy was to have visited the island state last August, but the trip was postponed.

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For rigging contracts

Bonn probes 80 building firms

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21 (R) — Frankfurt's underground railway, plagued by building contract scandals since it was started in 1963, is now at the center of the biggest investigation so far into alleged price-fixing.

The Hesse State Economics Ministry is investigating 80 West German building firms for the alleged rigging of contracts worth \$440 million. The serious problems facing the West German construction industry are likely to figure prominently in the background to the case, if it ever comes to court.

Survey shows popularity of Reagan is down

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP) — The American public's confidence in the economy and opinion on president Reagan's performance remain near their lowest levels since he took office, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC news poll.

The nationwide poll, of 1,602 adults telephoned Dec. 14-15 in a scientific random sampling, said 48 percent think Reagan is doing a good or excellent job as president. Last month, the president's approval rating was at its lowest since it peaked at 63 percent last spring.

Reagan's performance rating for his handling of the economy was 36 percent in the latest poll. Last month, it was 35 percent, his lowest since it peaked at 52 percent last spring.

Despite the relatively low job ratings, 57 percent said they trust Reagan to do what is right just about always or most of the time. That compares with 58 percent last month when his trust rating dipped below 60 percent for the first time.

In regard to economic issues, 20 percent said they expect their families will be better off in the next year than they are today.

The 16-20 worse-better split is consistent with results from other AP/NBC news polls this fall, but a turnaround from last January when 29 percent said their family finances would improve and 14 percent said they would be worse off in the next year.

In the latest poll, 24 percent said the economy in general will get better in the next year, while 36 percent said it will get worse and the rest said either not sure or the same.

Investment analysts say the industry has been under severe pressure recently because of a lack of domestic orders caused by high German interest rates and public spending cuts. Companies have been relying on lucrative foreign orders, particularly in the Middle East to offset losses. Analysts say major firms have been forced to tender for domestic contracts at unrealistically low prices in an effort to secure business. One Frankfurt newspaper said industry experts believe contractors now consult each other and fix prices for half the major projects in West Germany to overcome this problem.

The Bonn-based Construction Industry Association would not comment on the latest investigation but it has been campaigning for a more open system of tendering for domestic contracts. Government and police officials who swooped last week on offices throughout the country were acting on a mass of potential evidence gathered from an existing court case, also concerning the Frankfurt Underground, according to local government sources.

The outcome of the earlier action, brought last year against 35 firms for similar alleged offences, is still pending. The state attorney office for Frankfurt and the Federal Cartel Office in Berlin have several van-loads of seized documents and will decide in the next few weeks whether there are grounds for bringing another court case, the sources said.

The investigation threatens planned improvements to the underground system. One city official said: "It is not only the reputation of firms which is now at stake but a lot of cash in future contracts."

Frankfurt has budgeted to spend just under \$440 million on improving the underground and suburban transport system between 1980 and 1985. The city of Frankfurt, State of Hesse and the Federal government have so far spent around \$1 billion on developing the underground railway.

The economics ministry, when bringing the existing court action, claimed that contract price-rigging inflated the cost of work on one new underground section to \$36.9 million from an estimated \$31.6 million. The latest investigation, announced by State Economics Minister Klaus-Juergen Hoffie, centers mainly on allegations of price-rigging on the Frankfurt Underground but it also includes the suburban railway and a limited number of other projects, the ministry said.

Among the firms visited in this week's investigation is the industry leader, Frankfurt-based Philipp Holzmann, a company spokesman said.

Hoffie said the investigation involves more than 100 tenders by public and private contractors for work on underground extensions. Firms can be fined up to \$440,000 with a maximum of three times the amount of extra profit made from an illegal tender. Local government sources say 18 firms have been fined a total of \$615,000 this year in other price-fixing cases. One local government official said the relatively small number showed the difficulty of proving cases of price-rigging.

Iran, Iraq said planning to hike oil exports

NICOSIA, Dec. 21 (AP) — Iran and Iraq are taking steps to line up old and trusted customers for increased oil exports an oil survey reported Monday.

The evidence is the Iranians are now energetically lobbying for customers, reported the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES). The oil survey said Iran told the OPEC ministerial meeting in Abu Dhabi earlier in the month it envisaged an export target of two million barrels per day in the coming year — roughly double the current level.

Iraq is also planning to increase its exports by 200,000-400,000 barrels per day from the present level of around 950,000 MEES said. This will start when the oil terminal at Tripoli, in Lebanon's Mediterranean coast, is reactivated in a few week's time, MEES added.

MEES said the spur line linking Tripoli to the Kirkuk (Iraq)-Banias (Syria) pipeline was tested successfully last week. MEES said the reactivation of the Tripoli terminal now awaits the decision of the Iraqi government.

Both Iran and Iraq were forced to reduce oil exports drastically because of the continuing war between them, now in its 15th month. Before the war, Iran exported about six million barrels per day and Iraq about 3.5 million.

Sick economy confronts new president of Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (R) — Army commander Leopoldo Galtieri takes office as president of Argentina Tuesday amid a deepening economic crisis and mounting calls for a return to civilian rule.

Gen. Galtieri succeeds Gen. Roberto Viola, who was dismissed by the ruling three-man military junta Dec. 11 after his administration failed to find a cure for the country's chronic economic ills. Soaring inflation and unemployment have fueled public disenchantment with the military who have ruled Argentina since ousting the government of Maria Estela Peron in 1976.

One of Gen. Galtieri's first moves has been to give the key economic portfolio to Dr. Roberto Alemann, a veteran of previous military governments, who is not regarded as a monetarist like his predecessors. Dr. Alemann is one of seven civilians in the new 11-man cabinet. Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez is expected to end Argentina's flirtation with the nonaligned group of countries and to adopt a firmer pro-Western stance.

Gen. Galtieri, 55, will have considerably more power than his predecessor because he will remain commander of the most powerful branch of the armed forces. A staunch anti-Communist, he is known to be a strong supporter of President Reagan's Latin American policies. He played a major role in an anti-guerrilla campaign in the 1970s, in which thousands of people were reported to have disappeared.

The ruling junta is pledged to pave the way for a return to democracy, but there have been signs that the people are losing patience. Last week, at the first major political rally since the 1976 coup, five parties called for early general elections.

The parties issued a statement saying: "suffering has dramatically increased for a people whose anguish, uncertainty and misery are growing and who feel pressed and vexed. The official facade is crumbling and the economy is ripe for looting."

The statement also expressed concern about the fate of those who have been missing since the crackdown on left-wing guerrillas.

Exports show growth Industries in Hong Kong do well despite rivalry

HONG KONG, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Although hard pressed by strong competition from Asian countries, the majority of Hong Kong's export-oriented industries fared well in 1981.

The latest complete official statistics available showed that in the first three quarters of the year, \$9,666 million was earned from the export of products made in Hong Kong. This was a 16 percent increase over the corresponding 1980 period — a rise which reflected export increases by all the major industries. For instance, textiles, including garments, grew by 19 percent to \$4,016 million while fast-climbing electronic products jumped 12 percent to \$1,111 million.

Exports to the United States, Hong Kong's largest market, rose by 24 percent. The United Kingdom, the second biggest market, took 13 percent more. However, exports to West Germany, the third largest buyer, declined by five percent, a fall that is attributed to the recession in Europe generally.

The strength or weakness of the various industrial sectors varied from one industry to another. The overall situation was summed up by the government's industry commissioner, Peter Tsao, in this way: "Generally speaking, 1981 was a year of short-term orders, narrow profit margins, high interest rates, and unstable wages and material costs. And many problems had to be solved. Fortunately, in spite of these difficulties, the foundation of our industry has remained intact."

He sees a brighter picture in 1982 because leading rates have declined considerably while stocks in major Hong Kong markets are

getting low. "Our industry should have a good chance of recovery in the coming year," Tsao said. "In fact," he added, "after 20 to 30 years of effort, our industry has come a long way from its primitive stage. Industry, together with other sectors, such as commerce, finance and transport, have created a sound economic structure. Individual lines of production have been automated to a great extent and we have a high-skilled, experienced labor force."

Moreover, Tsao said, Hong Kong has a rather comprehensive supporting and servicing enterprise network. In the electronic industry, products could now be assembled from locally-made parts with locally-made machinery without relying on overseas markets, he pointed out.

Commenting on competition from nearby Asian countries, Tsao said this was generally developing fast, with lower labor costs than those in Hong Kong whose competitiveness in international markets for some products had already been affected. He explained: "Our plastics industry has been forced to move up market, and clock and watch manufacturers can no longer rely on mechanical items. Our spinning and weaving industries, once pillars of Hong Kong's modern industry, cannot now afford to adjust to outside pressures. Those resistant to change may still survive but are unlikely to flourish."

Tsao said Hong Kong's weaknesses included limited land, lack of resources, soaring labor costs. "It is important to identify our strengths and weaknesses. Our industry aims at technology intensive development," he said.

Abu Dhabi to hike oil production

NICOSIA, Dec. 21 (AP) — Dr. Mana Saeed Al-Otaiba, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister, was quoted as saying Monday Abu Dhabi plans to increase its oil production capacity to three million barrels per day by the end of 1985.

But production would not necessarily be increased to the maximum capacity level. Dr. Otaiba was quoted as adding in an interview with The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES). The level of future production "will be a major political decision... It will depend on prevailing conditions — some of them

local and some of them external," the oil minister added.

Actual allowable Abu Dhabi crude production in 1982 will be 1,065,000 barrels per day, 5,000 barrels less than the 1981 level. But present producing capacity is difficult to estimate with any certainty MEES said. In addition to expanding oil production, Abu Dhabi is also engaged in a major program to investigate and evaluate its deep gas reserves. Dr. Otaiba was quoted as saying results from deep drilling indicate the gas reserves "could be something enormous."

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Nine African states sign trade agreement

LUSAKA, Dec. 21 (R) — Nine African nations signed a Preferential Trade Area (PTA) treaty covering east and southern Africa in Lusaka Monday.

Several other countries present did not sign the agreement, although some may do so later. The treaty and its 12 protocols cover a broad range of measures for freer regional trade and cooperation in industry, agriculture, transport and communications.

Zhao to trim bureaucracy

PEKING, Dec. 21 (R) — Premier Zhao Ziyang, pledging to trim China's notoriously slow and inefficient bureaucracy, has staked his reputation on creating a basis for long-term economic recovery but faces major obstacles on the road to prosperity.

World Bank figures show China's foreign debt was \$3.4 billion at the end of last year. Finance Minister Weng Bingjian said in Tokyo recently that it was now \$4.7 billion.

Export trade doubled by South Korea

SEOUL, Dec. 21 (AFP) — South Korea's commodity exports have doubled in four years from \$10 billion in 1977 to \$20 billion this year, the commerce-industry ministry announced Monday.

Chad official requests aid from Gulf

ABU DHABI, Dec. 21 (R) — Chad Agriculture and Development Minister Mahamat Saleh Ahmat said Monday his strife-torn country needed financial aid for reconstruction.

Hong Kong accord with EEC reported

GENEVA, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Hopes of an agreement on a renewed Multifibre Arrangement (MFA) rose Monday with an accord between the European Economic Community (EEC) and Hong Kong on reduced access rights for Hong Kong to the EEC market, informed sources said here.

Banks study Polish plea

ZURICH, Dec. 21 (R) — Eight big European and U.S. banks met in Zurich Monday to discuss Poland's cash crisis which is jeopardizing a planned agreement on a new timetable for repayment of its foreign debts.

Stress on domestic factors

Japan envisages 5.2% growth

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (R) — Japan has formally adopted its official outlook for the Japanese economy next year, placing far more reliance on domestic factors than on exports for its expected growth.

Dollar eases against major currencies

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The U.S. dollar eased slightly against most major currencies in quiet early trading Monday. Gold prices opened lower and showed little change in later deals.

Table of London commodities closing prices including Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, Lead, Zinc, Aluminum, Sugar, Coffee, Cocoa, and March.

Table of Foreign Exchange Rates quoted at 6:00 P.M. Monday, listing currencies like Bahrain Dinar, Bangladeshi Taka, Belgian Franc, Canadian Dollar, etc.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS table with columns for Authority, Description, Tender Number, Tender Price (\$M), and Closing Date.

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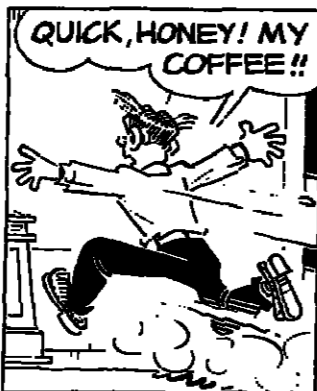
Advertisement for Festive flamenco entertainment returns to the Hyatt, featuring text about Hyatt Regency Jeddah bringing back flamenco dancers and singers.

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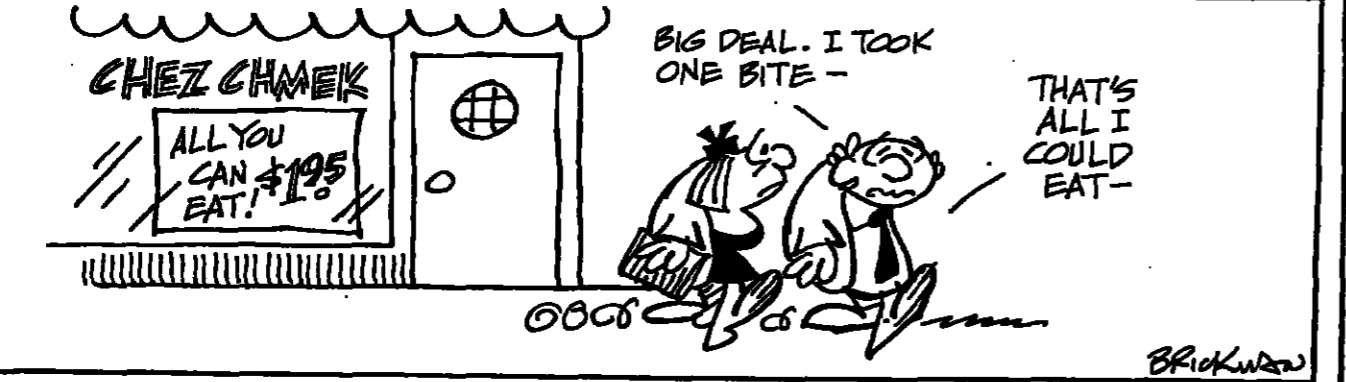
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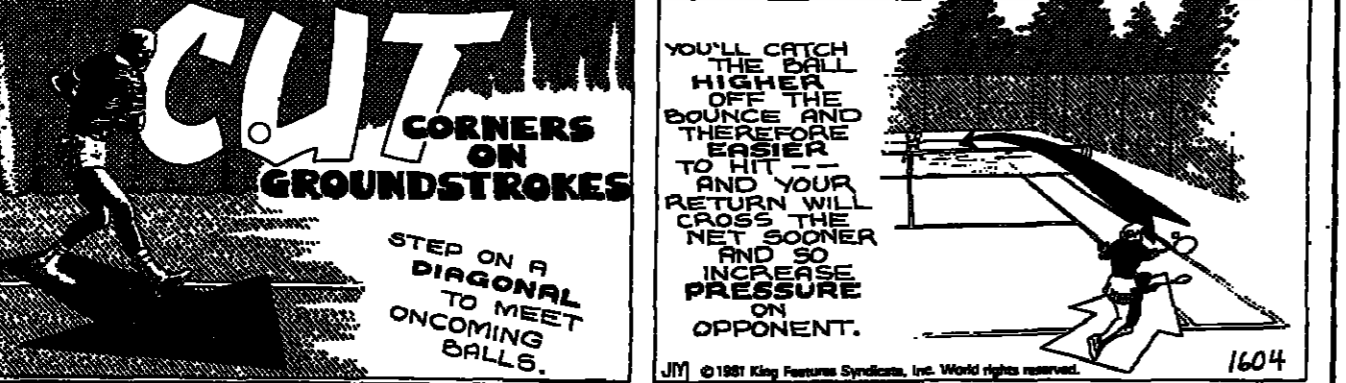
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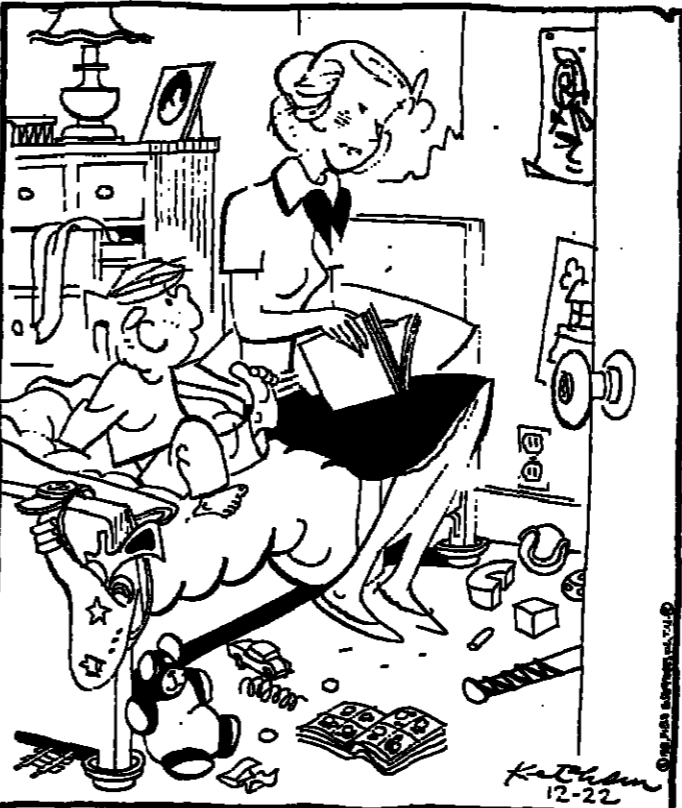
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Table listing radio programs for Jeddah, Riyadh, and French language.

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Table listing BBC and VOA radio programs.

Radio Pakistan

Table listing Radio Pakistan programs and contact information for various pharmacies.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH
ACROSS 1 Word of identification
11 Goddess of the dawn
12 Surf noise
13 Made to look gully
14 Selling at reduced prices
16 Greek letter
17 Resident (suffix)
18 Not him
19 - standstill
20 Construct
21 Type of gun
23 Little (mus.)
25 Remainder
26 John, in Minsk
27 Source, as of a river
29 Saul's uncle
30 Woman's nickname
31 Just out
34 Do badly
35 Pour money down a -
37 Clothing store employee
39 Elevator man
40 Dined al fresco



Yesterday's Answer
15 Gotcha!
21 Two eras
22 Bikini part
23 Wood derivative
24 Played the glutton river
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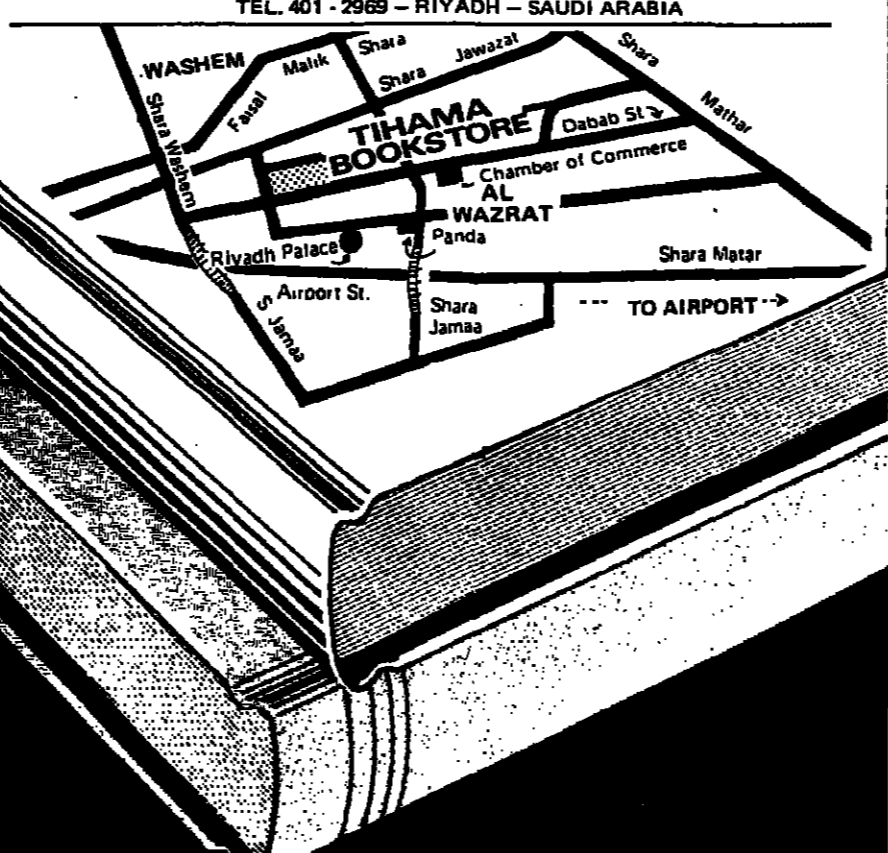
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